<u>REMARKS/ARGUMENTS</u>

This Amendment is being submitted in response to Office Action dated January 4, 2005. Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10-11, 14, 16-18, and 22-24 are pending. Claims 10 and 16 have been amended, and claims 6 and 7 have been canceled. Consequently, claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14, 16-18, and 22-24 remain pending.

The Examiner's indication that claims 2, 3, 5, 14 and 22-24 are allowed is acknowledged and appreciated.

This response is submitted in accordance with Rule 116 in an earnest effort to put the application in better condition for allowance. Independent claim 10 has been amended to include recitations similar in scope to allowed claim 5, and a clarifying amendment has been made to claim 16. Claim 16 has been amended to include the term "automatically". Support for the amendment can be found on page 10, line 1. Accordingly, the new matter has been entered.

In the event that the Examiner is not persuaded by the arguments below, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the Amendment to clarify issue issues upon appeal.

§102 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 16-19 under 35 USC §102 (b) as being anticipated by Barber et al. (US patent number 5,777,615) hereinafter referred to as Barber.

In response, claims 6 and 7 have been canceled, and claim 10 has been amended to comport with the scope of allowed claim 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is allowable at least the same reasons as claim 5.

Independent claim 16

Barber fails to teach or suggest "allowing the user to register a display arrangement of application windows, as well as points of interest within the registered applications, *such that when the computer is booted, the applications are* **automatically** *opened in the registered window arrangement* with locations of the registered points of interest indicated by the persistent mouse pointers," as recited in claim 16. Although Barber at column 10, lines 66-67 states "... the pointers will be saved even when the user quits the GUI or reboots the operating system," Barber fails to teach or suggest "allowing the user to *register a display arrangement of application windows, ...,* such that when the computer is booted, the applications are *automatically opened in the registered window arrangement*", as claimed. Absent any teaching or suggestion to the contrary, is respectfully submitted that claim 16 is allowable over Barber.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10-11, 14, 16-18, and 22-24 are allowable over the cited references. Because the secondary references stand or fall with the primary references, claims are allowable because they are dependent upon the allowable independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to issue of claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14, 16-18, and 22-24 as now presented.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14, 16-18, and 22-24 are patentable over the cited reference. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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